



Little Boy Blue: The Brave Shepherd Boy

Once upon a time, in a quaint little village, there lived a poor widow and her loving son, known for his big blue eyes and golden curls. Despite their hardships, the widow's cottage, nestled by a beautiful river, was a haven of happiness, thanks to her son's devotion.

As the boy grew, he eagerly helped his mother with her work. But their peaceful life took a turn when the widow fell ill, leaving them without means to buy food. The boy, determined to support his mother, decided to seek work at the nearby Squire's grand house.

The widow, proud of her son, made him a charming suit from her old blue dress. Dressed in blue from head to toe, he looked like a young prince. With a hopeful heart, he set off to meet the Squire.

At the Squire's house, he met the kind-hearted Squire and his daughter, who were impressed by the boy's desire to work for his mother. The Squire's daughter, struck by his blue attire and matching eyes, named him "Little Boy Blue" and decided he would be their shepherd, watching over the sheep and cows.

Little Boy Blue was given a silver horn to call the straying animals and began his new role with enthusiasm. His mother, though bedridden, found comfort in his success, and they managed to live a bit more comfortably.

Tragedy struck one day when the widow broke her leg. Little Boy Blue, after a sleepless night caring for her, struggled to stay awake while tending the animals. Overcome by exhaustion, he fell asleep under a haystack. The sheep and cows strayed into forbidden fields, causing the Squire great anger.

Upon discovering Little Boy Blue asleep, the Squire was initially furious but softened upon learning of the boy's plight. Touched by his story, the Squire and his daughter helped the widow, sending food and aid to her cottage.

From then on, Little Boy Blue was even more diligent, never again failing in his duties. His loving heart and dedication not only brought him the Squire's trust but also led to a better life for him and his mother, who eventually recovered fully.

In the end, Little Boy Blue's devotion to his mother brought them good fortune, proving that love and kindness can turn even the hardest of times into blessings.